

## RUSSIANS STEM TEUTONIC TIDE NEAR VILNA

**GALICIAN FRONTIER IS NOW CONTROLLED BY CZAR'S FIGHTING HOSTS**

**DVINSK, FORTIFIED CITY OF NORTH, IS FALLING**

**GREECE READY AND WAITING FOR BULGARIA TO ACT IN BALKANS**

(By Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 25.—The position of the Russians from Vilna to the Galician frontier appears to have been improved greatly, three distinct victories having been recorded almost simultaneously at widely separated points on the eastern front.

This report of new achievements has mitigated the uneasiness felt in England as to the attitude of Bulgaria.

In the far north, however, the situation is less favorable for the Russians. They are resisting Von Hindenburg's men with characteristic stubbornness, but the admission that fighting is now proceeding at Smolitin, three miles from Novo Alexandrovsk, indicates that the approaches of the latter town is in the hands of the Germans, and that being a fact, Dvinsk is in great danger.

**Greece is Ready to Strike.**

Athens, Sept. 25.—King Constantine and Premier Venizelos today held a conference and reached a complete agreement regarding the steps that already have been taken by the government and the measures which are demanded, with which to meet the Balkan situation. These measures include the maintenance of Greece's treaty obligations.

**British Warship Bombarding Zeebrugge.**

Amsterdam, Sept. 25.—British warships today began bombarding the Belgian town of Zeebrugge. Three warships are engaged. Flashes from the British heavy guns are visible on the Dutch coast.

**Artillery Battle Rages Fiercely.**

Paris, Sept. 25.—There has been no cessation in the continued artillery activity along the entire battle line in France. It was officially announced today.

Among the points mentioned today in the dispatches where there has been artillery engagements is the Artois district, south of the river Somme, north of the Aisne and along the canal from the Aisne to the Marne and also in the Champagne district.

**Army of 110,000 For Allies on Gallipoli.**

Berlin, Sept. 25.—By wireless to Sayville.—A new army of 110,000 men has been sent to the assistance of the allied forces at the Dardanelles, according to the Overseas News Agency.

This information was contained, the news agency says, in a dispatch from Athens. The reinforcements for the French and British forces are said to have landed at Mudros, on Lemnos.

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## LOOKS LIKE TAX LEVY WILL BE THE LIMIT

**STATE WILL NEED \$3,471,342 IN REVENUE FOR YEAR; STATE EXPENSE BIG**

Figures that have been made in the office of State Auditor E. B. Howard on the probable amount of the tax levy for the year, which is the next big work for the state board of equalization, indicate that the sum to be raised is approximately \$3,221,000, which is exclusive of the revenues that are estimated from other than ad valorem taxes. The amount of these revenues will be approximately \$1,250,000, making the total of revenues that are required approximately \$3,471,342. Included in this sum is the amount of \$1,742,017 for deficiency and from that is deducted the estimated surplus from the preceding year of \$570,374. Taxable values are estimated at \$1,185,000,000.

Based upon these figures, it is apparent that the tax levy will have to be 2 1/2 mills, to which must be added the 1/4 mill for road tax and the 1/4 mill for schools, making the probable levy for the year 3 1/4 mills, being just 1/2 mill under the constitutional limit. These figures, it is understood, are predicated upon the theory that the gross production tax against oil and mineral operations will be upheld by the court. If this be not done the properties involved in that schedule will be assessed upon the former basis and will not yield as much revenue as under the new law. This may conceivably make the levy higher, approximating the maximum allowed by the law.

## CARRANZA MEN NOT IN ATTACK AT PROGRESSO

**WASHINGTON HAS POSITIVE DENIAL FROM NAFARRETTA; BORDER TRANQUIL**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 25.—Dispatches received today at the Carranza agency here from General Nafarretta and the Carranza consul at Brownsville, categorically deny that any of the Carranza troops participated in the fighting yesterday at Progreso between the raiders and American troops.

Nafarretta telegraphed that an investigation had disclosed the fact that none of Carranza's soldiers were near that zone.

Brownsville, Sept. 25.—The eyes of the border are turned on Washington, where it is expected that the next important development would occur as a result of yesterday's fight near Progreso. The border was quiet last night and today.

## RATE CASE IS SET OVER TO OCTOBER TERM

**KATY RAILROAD LAST AT BAT, EXPERT TELLS OF ROAD'S VALUATIONS**

It was announced in federal court last night that Judge Frank Youmans of the federal court will adjourn the hearing of the Oklahoma two-cent rate case Sept. 29, to go to Ft. Smith, and then reconvene the case Oct. 4 to hold for four days. The hearing will adjourn on Oct. 8 to allow Judge Youmans to open his regular term of court in the northern district of Arkansas, and will not be called again until the lockout in that court is completed.

The railroads will have finished their introduction of testimony by Oct. 8, it was thought today. The Katy, offering testimony now, will finish in two days, it is believed, and the Rock Island will follow. This ends the railroad side of the case. The state will introduce testimony at the reconvening of court late in November. S. B. Fisher, of the Katy road, was the principal witness on the stand today. His testimony dealt with valuations of his road.

**Federal Battery Ready on the Mexican Border.**



Upper:—Cannon pointed to Matamoros across from Brownsville. Lower:—Finding range for cannon from International Bridge.

Cannon have been placed in position near Brownsville for the expected attack of Mexicans on the city. Those shown in this photograph are trained in Matamoros waiting for the first sign of trouble. The lower photograph was taken on the International Bridge. It shows American soldiers finding the range for the cannon nearby. Now everything is in place and an attack from Matamoros may mean serious trouble.

## MR. BULKLEY WILL TELL OF PALESTINE TRIP

The evening service at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow will be of an unusually interesting character. Mr. Bulkley, who with his daughter, Mrs. F. O. Lutz, and other members of their family, made an extended trip a year ago, will tell of his experiences and observations in Palestine. Mr. Bulkley is capable of appreciating the country in which the most important events of the Christian religion occurred and the address tomorrow evening will be a rare treat for all who hear it.

## NEW HIGHWAY LAW IS FILLED WITH DEFECTS

**COUNTIES ENCOUNTER OBSTACLES IN MAKING ONE-FOURTH MILL LEVIES**

Oklahoma City, Sept. 25.—An opinion that points out another defect in the work of the late session of the Oklahoma legislature and which may be expected to seriously hamper ambitious good highways projected in many counties of the state has been given to State Highway Commissioner George Noble by Attorney General S. P. Freeling.

The opinion affects the new highway law, section 20, page 323, of the 1915 session laws, reading: "The county excise board in each county in the state is hereby authorized, at the option of said board, to make a levy of one-fourth of one mill upon all property in any said county subject to taxation upon an ad valorem basis; said levy when made and collected shall be converted into the county road construction fund and shall be used for construction and maintenance of county highways and..."

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## SLAUGHTER OF CHRISTIANS BY TURKS CONTINUE

**ARMENIANS ARE GRADUALLY AND EFFECTIVELY BEING EXTERMINATED**

**TERRIBLE KURDS ROB AND PILLAGE UNRESTRAINED**

**THOUSANDS, PENNILESS AND STARVING DIE ON DESERT; WOMEN OUTRAGED**

(By Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 25.—"Turks are gradually and most effectively exterminating the Armenians," asserts a Dede-gatch correspondent from Reims. The modus operandi is to send from each Armenian village, day by day, as many Armenians as a train will carry. When they arrive at Konish they are turned out and escorted over the Vaurus mountains region, where there is nothing but desert, and before many hours the marauding bands of Kurds and Bedouins, rob and pillage the helpless. Those who are not actually slain, die of hunger and thirst.

It is estimated that not less than 250,000 Christian Armenians have been slain in this barbarous manner. Young girls are taken into captivity by the Kurds and lead a life that is worse than death. Old men, women and children are killed outright. The younger men are forced to lead attacking armies and are used as "cannon food." "Conditions are worse than imagination can picture," the letter states.

## W. B. HEROD BECOMES ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

Judge W. B. Herod, who for the past five years has been connected with the United States attorney's office in the western district of the state and who resigned September 1st was notified last night that his resignation had been accepted and J. B. Merrill of Elk City appointed to succeed him. Judge Herod is one of the best known lawyers in the state and is considered one of the best. This morning he took the oath as assistant county attorney under County Attorney Arthur Swank.

## CLAIMS HOTEL LAWS ARE NOT ENFORCED NOW

**SENATOR M'MECHAN MAKES COMPLAINT AGAINST THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 25.—Senator Tom McMechan is on the warpath. He is after the state board of health. McMechan claims that "the health board is recumbent and not doing its duty at all." What particularly raises McMechan's ire is the ignoring of the hotel law passed by the last assembly. It provides that the name "hotel" shall not be used by rooming houses or other places of accommodation which do not have dining rooms in connection with them and which do not meet with other specifications set up in the law. McMechan was author of the bill, which was known as senate bill No. 353. He was backed by the traveling men of the state, the touring public in general and the keepers of respectable hotels.

"It's a shame," said Senator McMechan Thursday evening. "That bill has been in effect two months and..."

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**WAR MOVEMENTS.**

GREECE—King Constantine prepared for Balkan developments. WEST FRONT—British warships bombarding Belgian town of Zeebrugge. Heavy guns roar incessantly on long battle line in France.

NORTHERN THEATER—Von Hindenburg closing in on Russians; fall of Dvinsk now certain.

GALICIA—Russians are winning along line from Vilna to the frontier.

UNDERSEA—Nothing doing today. Subs are peaceful.

## JACK RATCLIFF CRUSHED TO DEATH BETWEEN CARS

**WELL KNOWN GUTHRIE RAILROAD MAN, KATY CONDUCTOR, KILLED AT FALLS THIS MORNING**

Jack Ratcliff, well known Guthrie man, for 30 years in the employ of the M. K. & T. railway was crushed to death at 9 o'clock this morning between the draw bars of two freight cars while switching in the yards at Falls. He was killed instantly. The draw bars caught him just above the waist line. Ratcliff was conductor on the Katy local, running between Guthrie and Falls, daily.

Eye witnesses say the accident was caused by a Ft. Smith & Western engine shunting cars into the string of Katy box cars on the "house track." Ratcliff was between, making a coupling when the impact came. The body was brought to this city and is now in the Rhodes undertaking parlor.

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## AMERICA WILL DEMAND RECALL IN DUMBA CASE

**"LEAVE OF ABSENCE" NOT DEFINITE, IS WORD SENT TO AUSTRIA**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 25.—Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, has been instructed to make it entirely clear to the Austrian government, informally, that the United States must insist on the recall of Dr. Dumba and that his departure "on leave of absence" is not at all satisfactory to this government.

Washington, Sept. 25.—From messages exchanged today between Ambassador Penfield and the state department, it is apparent that the Austrian government has misunderstood the desires of the United States. The instructions sent Penfield are undecoded, but he has been authorized to make it clear that Dumba's usefulness as an Austrian ambassador has ceased, and that if given merely a leave of absence...

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## SAYS NORTH STATE FARMERS ARE MACHINE MAD

**OKLAHOMANS WANT AUTOMOBILES SO BADLY THEY ARE PAYING PREMIUMS FOR THEM**

Farmers in northern Oklahoma are holding on to their wheat for a better price. They are also paying premiums for automobiles. Near Newkirk the other day one farmer offered another \$15 for his chance of buying his automobile when it arrived at a local agency. The automobile business has boomed to such a degree in that section, that every dealer is far behind in his deliveries, and farmers are said to be actually begging for machines. D. D. Davis, general agent and Sam Mulholland, traveling agent for the Orient, who were here today tell the story. Mr. Davis says comparatively little wheat is moving, as this year Oklahoma farmers believe the market gradually will rise to the price they want. They can afford to hold on to their crop this season for the first time in years and expect to realize big profits.

## WASHINGTON, IN BLAZE OF GLORY, WELCOMES VETS

**FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R., BEGINS SESSIONS MONDAY**

**VANGUARD OF FAST-FADING UNION HOSTS ARRIVE**

**LAGS FLYING FROM A THOUSAND STAFFS PUTS "PEP" IN NATION'S HEROES**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—Ablaze with patriotic color, Washington welcomes today the advance guard of the fast-fading Union host coming to participate in the forty-ninth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which begins here Monday.

Thousands of veterans already have arrived and every train brings hundreds more who fifty years ago marched under the eyes of rant and in the wake of Sherman in the greatest military review the world had ever seen.

Thirty thousand survivors of the historic march up Pennsylvania avenue from the Capitol to the White House, which marked the close of the Civil war, are expected to be here to commemorate on Wednesday that world-thrilling spectacle. In September, 1865, President Johnson bared his head to 160,000 triumphant heroes of the Union army. President Wilson next Wednesday will greet those who remain, after half a century, to make the march again.

Extraordinary preparations have been made for the encampment because it probably will be the last Grand Army reunion in the capital. To this end plans for entertaining a hundred thousand visitors have been perfected and the event already gives promise of rivaling inauguration ceremonies in interest and display.

Flags are flying from a thousand staffs. The Capitol, White House and every government building are draped with the national colors. The streets of the city are radiant lanes of red, white and blue as the throngs of guests and visitors arrive. David J. Palmer, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army and General Nelson A. Miles, retired, who will act as grand marshal of the commemorative review, are among the early arrivals. With them have come scores of men who took conspicuous part in the war.

Although the grand review will be the most spectacular feature of the reunion, many interesting events are on the program for the celebration which will continue until October 3. The war and navy departments have co-operated with the citizens' committee to aid in entertainment of the veterans. Exhibition drills of regular troops are to be held on the Washington Monument grounds. Secretary Daniels has arranged to have submarines, torpedo boats and other small naval craft unknown in Civil War days here for inspection. There will be hydroplane and aeroplane flights and other features to illustrate the advance in warfare during fifty years.

The Capitol already has taken on the martial air that is to pervade it.

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## THE WEATHER

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(By Associated Press.)  
New Orleans, La., Sept. 25.—Tonight and Sunday, showers.

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THE SECOND MRS. MACK CARTOONS APPEARING ON PAGE 7 OF THE LEADER ARE THE BEST EVER.

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